



## PORT AND LADDER

A country will not be enriched by importing. Our riches must arise from our productions. We are at a great disadvantage for everything we import, as we only need our money out of the country, but in consequence of being so far from the best markets we have to pay enormous freight rates. Provisions do not acquire a more palatable taste or a more delicate flavor by being carried here from Winnipeg or Chicago, and yet every pound of food and provisions we use comes from these great markets. We pay high prices and get poorly served. We trust some of our readers will bring some news from the district. It would pay them well, as the pigs could be raised and fattened at a very light expense, and when butlered cheese are made there is always a great quantity of good, cheap food for them. They are hardy stock, and would thrive in this climate and increase with wonderful rapidity. The consumers want all the pork and lard that can be produced, and would be glad to escape from the greedy exporters who at present supply them so badly.

## THE LAST SIEGE

The liquor case, which has taken up so much of the Montreal Gazette's space lately, is stated to be by Inspector Meade and Major Dowling, is simply as follows: John Sanderson, a fugitive, was arrested on the 24th of March last, charged with having been intimate in his possession contrary to the statutes. The case was adjourned till April the 5th, and an application was made for Sanderson's release on bail. Mr. Bowen offering to give his security. The magistrate, however, preferring having I. G. Baker, J.C. & Co. as sureties, and Mr. Bowen filed out an order for \$250 payable to himself, and accepted it in the name of I. G. Baker & Co. This was deposited as security and Mr. Sanderson was released. On April 8th the case again came up for hearing, and Sgt. Dunn testified to finding ten gallons of alcohol and some Pilsener water, labeled "Sweet Springs" at the residence of Sanderson. The case was then given for the defense argued that if time were given, evidence could be brought to show that the contraband had permission to import alcohol. Accordingly, the case was adjourned till June the 6th. The alcohol and Pilsener water are still in possession of the authorities, and if the party to whom they were addressed can show that he was bringing them in lawfully, they will be delivered to him and the security, which is still attached to the papers, returned. The following note from Capt. Stearns bears out the above:

Sir—There has been no case accepted in the case of John Sanderson for bringing in liquor. Major Dowling's instructions from me were to take Mr. Bowen's name as a matter of form, but no charge was to be passed over, as John Sanderson was not considered the guilty party. Mr. Bowen informed me that no money had been paid between him and Inspector Dowling.

## SILVER CITY.

Special Correspondence to the Herald.  
Prospectors are likely engaged in getting their pack-trails and horses in order for the summer season. The distribution of the majority is the Selkirk and the Columbia River. Baker Creek will be thoroughly prospected again as soon as the snow melts, which will not be for three weeks yet.

Mr. McCulloch, assayer, has arrived in town and is putting up an assay office. He has a complete outfit, with him, and intends to make Silver City his headquarters.

A party of twenty-five left Holt City last week for Columbia River to prospect. American prospectors are hardly expected before the 10th of May. It is believed their destination will be beyond the divide, both on account of the reported richness of the field and of the superior advantages of the British Columbia mining laws.

It is to be regretted that the Government has not appointed a gold commissioner or local agent for these regions. The want is sorely felt, but the people have begun to despair of the Government doing anything for them. It is not for forwarding the interests of bona fide miners on this side.

Sherriff Chapman was in town for a few days, and report has it that he was looking for a worthy citizen who would be a fit person for a position of the peace. G. Van Courland, E. O. Daniels, John Ellis, and Archie Dewar are spoken of in reference to the appointment.

The Sheriff visited the Queen of the Little mine and admired the rock. He was not enthusiastic in his praise of the scenery which surrounds the valley.

Workmen are still pushing forward to the front, and everything points to a rush of work soon.

richly of flowers, which cannot be surpassed. He has some of the most delicate tropical. Lord Levee took so much interest in Mr. McNabb's coming to this country to give it a proper trial that he had two cases on the road for him to experiment with. The McNabb came out well prepared to give every variety of his seed. He brought along 8000 seeds of wheat for hot beds, so as to have his plants ready for early spring. At the end of the season the people of the eastern provinces may rely upon getting a fair and impartial verdict both on the climate and the nature of the soil of this North West country. We hope Mr. McNabb may meet with that success which his enterprise deserves.

## Keep Them on Their Benches.

To the Editor of the Herald.  
Sir—I would like to ask why it is that our citizens must be so pestered by the Indians. They are everywhere apparently except on their reserves. You cannot open your door but a couple of squaws are sitting on the doorstep; they beg straw and tobacco from you in the streets; they are a nuisance generally, dirty and disgusting, and a nuisance to the community. Why are they not kept on their reserves? The best tract of land in the district is given to them for their exclusive occupation. The country is taxed at an enormous expense to feed them and to pay salaries to a superintendent, commissioners, inspectors, agents, school-keepers, and a whole host of others, farmers, and underlings. Pans are provided and instructors sent out to teach them farming. And what is the result of all this? Tobacco and expensive machinery: a tremendous report is "substantial." Little of which is sent outside the office of the Minister of the Interior. Why is it that in an agricultural and stock-raising country like this the Government have failed to do as unremunerable and ridiculous prices all the food and meat that is fed to those lazy rascals, who, with all their farms, ranges and instructors, produce little or nothing. The trouble is the Government is jealous of the Indians, and structures are placed in charge who are so anxious to draw their salaries, that they will do anything to encourage in a national manner the production of those articles by the Indians, so far as can be done, which are supplied to them by the Government. But so long as the Minister is in charge to ignore the Indians' want; so long as he bases his policy on the information of his friends, interested contractors, and plundering contractors, so long as he does not manifest enough interest in his Department to come to the Territories and see for himself; so long will the Indians remain a pest to the community. I think the Indians, degraded as they are, might be engaged in some profitable industry, such as the raising of cattle, horses, and sheep. Have those in charge, interested or not? or do they take no interest in trying to keep them on their reserves.

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## Prince Leopold's Aspirations.

London Times.  
Prince Leopold always had a desire to be created Duke of York. In pursuance of this object he got together all the portraits and other objects of interest that had belonged to any of his ancestors bearing that title, and was a genuine disappointment to him when the Queen declined her permission to his assuming that title.

## Humiliation for the Learned.

Professor Wedley.  
If you think you are a prodigy of orthographic potentiality, go into a Chinese laundry and learn the meaning of Oh, Hing, who sells two shirts, an undershirt, and three pairs of socks with a K wearing side up, and all the rest of your washing with left and right hands and two or three fragments of a shattered idiom.

## What is the infinity of silence?

don't know, but I think it would be what a man had to say to his wife when she caught him trying to kiss the hired girl.

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